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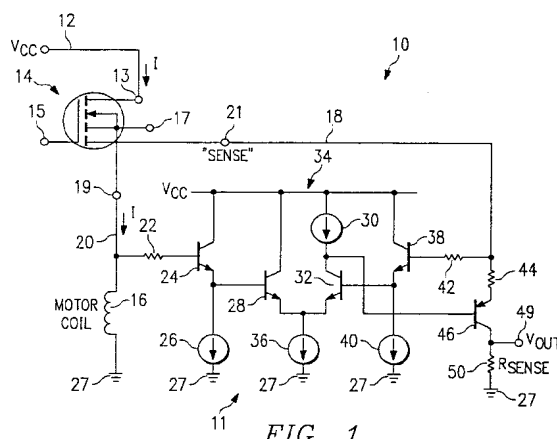
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(54) Sense FET and fast amplifier.

(57) A circuit for providing drive current to a coil of a motor uses a sensefet current sensing device having a sense node and a source node. The source node is connected to deliver current to the coil, wherein a "sense" current proportional to said delivered current is produced on the sense node. An amplifier is connected to sense a voltage between said sense and source nodes to produce an output voltage to force a voltage on the sense node to be the same as a voltage on the source node. A pass element is connected to route said "sense" current to an output node. The circuit produces an output that is suitable for use as a feedback signal in a motor control system.





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